

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 11-14 and 28 have been amended and claim 18 has been cancelled. Accordingly, claims 11-17, 19, 20, and 22-28 are in the application.

In the office action mailed July 21, 2008, the examiner indicated that claims 19-20 and 22-27 were allowed, and that claim 18 (which depended from claim 11) could be made allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 11 has been amended as suggested by the examiner to include the subject matter of claim 18, and claim 18 correspondingly has been cancelled. Therefore, claim 11 should be allowable. Because claim 11 now includes reference to a "flexible drape" and a "top drape," claims 12-14 and 28 have been amended to make clear that the drape in question in those claims is the "flexible drape" referenced in claim 11. This amendment of claims 12-14 and 28 has been made necessary by the inclusion of the subject matter of claim 18 in claim 11 and does not involve the addition of new matter. Since claims 12-17 and 28 continue to depend from claim 11 and include all of the limitations thereof, claims 12-17 and 28, like claim 11, should be allowable.

CONCLUSION

By virtue of the amendments that have been made to the claims, applicant has complied with all of the examiner's requirements. The application now should be in condition for allowance. If the examiner has any remaining questions, he is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney in order to expedite prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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